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# (54) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING MALICIOUS CODE IN AN INFORMATION HANDLING SYSTEM

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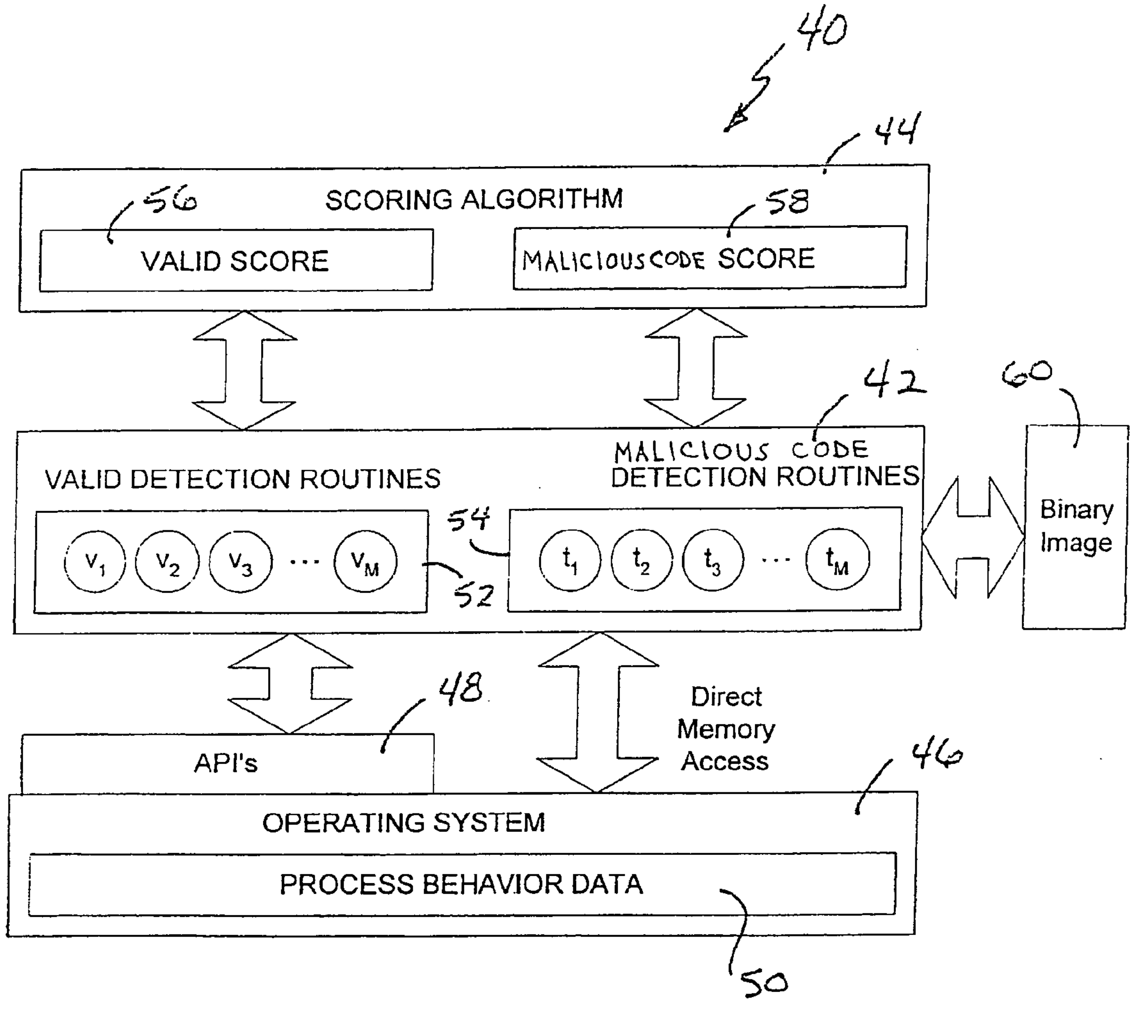
## (57) ABSTRACT

Malicious code detection code is executed by an information handling system. The malicious code detection code includes detection routines. The detection routines are applied to executable code under investigation. The detection routines associate weights to respective code under investigation in response to detections of a valid program or malicious code as a function of the detection routines. It is determined whether code under investigation is a valid program or malicious code as a function of the weights associated by the detection routines.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